

Department of Environmental Quality

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Dear Water Quality Partners,

The Division of Water Quality will begin accepting pre-proposals for Section 319 and State NPS funding on April 1, 2014. Pre-proposals must be submitted in accordance with the NPS Financial Assistance form to Jim Bowcutt (mailto:jdbowcutt@utah.gov) no later than May 16th.

Please provide as much specificity in your pre-proposal as possible, including funding needs, to support an accurate evaluation.

The targeted basin for 2015 will be the Colorado River Watershed Management Units. However, State NPS grants can be used to fund high priority projects in other areas of the state, and we encourage everyone that is interested to apply.

Key dates for reference:

- DEQ will begin accepting FY-2015 NPS pre-proposals: April 1st, 2014
- Due date for 319 and State NPS pre-proposals: May 16th, 2014
- Request from DWQ for full proposals: June 6th, 2014
- Full State NPS Proposals Due: July 1st, 2014
- State NPS Funding Available: July 1st, 2014
- Full 319 Proposals Due: August 1st, 2014
- 319 Funding Available: Spring of 2015

Please note that the application form is for all NPS funding. This includes State NPS funding and Federal Section 319 funding. Once your application has been received, the Division of Water Quality will decide which source of funding will be the most appropriate to fund your project.

Pre-proposals should be developed in close coordination with the appropriate DWQ Watershed Coordinator. For reference please visit our <u>staff page</u>. For project sponsors with existing 319 projects a brief status report and current project balance must also be included.

A copy of the ranking criteria and guidance on final reports for projects selected for funding can be found at the <u>Funding for Nonpoint Source Related Projects</u> page.

For questions please contact <u>Carl Adams</u> (Watershed Protection Section) at 801-536-4330 or <u>Jim Bowcutt</u> (NPS Program Coordinator) at 801-536-4336.